

# SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

Senator Ron Johnson

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I \_\_\_\_\_, make the following

(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Club for Growth

Travel date(s): Thursday 3/16/2017 - Friday 3/17/2017

Destination(s): The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Senator/Officer:

|                                                         | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate | \$258.95                | \$990            | \$606.58      |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount                  |                         |                  |               |                                       |


## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

|                                              | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate |                         |                  |               |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount       |                         |                  |               |                                       |

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.) Senator Johnson attended multiple panel discussions that related to his Senate work. He participated in two panels to discuss healthcare and the Congressional 2017 agenda.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

3/28/2017  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Senator/Officer)



David McIntosh | President

November 21, 2016

Hon. Ron Johnson  
United States Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ron,

On behalf of the members of the Club for Growth, a 501(c)(4) non-profit, and our Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to speak at the **2017 Club for Growth Annual Winter Economic Conference** at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida. Our conference will be held from Thursday evening, March 16 through Saturday evening, March 18.

We're looking forward to another successful conference filled with compelling discourse on policy issues relating to economic freedom and prosperity. We believe that your invaluable experience and insights will be enlightening to our members.

Virginia Galligan, our Finance Director and Advisor, will be following up with your scheduler in the coming weeks to confirm your attendance. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Virginia by phone at 646-499-1114 or by email at [VGalligan@clubforgrowth.org](mailto:VGalligan@clubforgrowth.org).

We sincerely hope that you will honor us by accepting our invitation to join us at our conference.

Sincerely,

David McIntosh  
President

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## **Agenda – Senator Ron Johnson**

Arrive: Palm Beach International Airport

Arrival Date: 03/16/2017

Arrival Time: 11:35 AM

### **March 16 Thursday**

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6:00 PM

Welcome Reception

7:00 PM

Dinner with Keynote Address

Topic: Taking on the Mainstream Media: Common Sense Resistance

Speaker: Bill Whittle

### **March 17 Friday**

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7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast Available

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Topic: State of the Club

Speaker: Club for Growth President David McIntosh

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Topic: Data Analytics: A New Frontier

Speaker: Chris Wilson

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Topic: Upholding Conservative Principles in Congress

Speakers: Senators Ron Johnson & Pat Toomey

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Topic: The Philosophic Fight for the Future of America

Speaker: John Allison

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

Luncheon with Keynote Address

Topic: The Supreme Court and the Fight to Confirm Gorsuch

Speaker: Senator Ted Cruz

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Topic: Dismantling Obamacare

Speaker: Michael Cannon

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Topic: Obamacare: Are We Ever Going to Replace It with Free-Market Reforms?

Speakers: Senators Mike Lee & Rand Paul

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM

Dinner with Keynote Address

Topic: The Brains Behind Brexit: What's Next?

Speaker: Daniel Hannan

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**Depart: Palm Beach International Airport**

**Departure Time: 10:00 AM\***

**\*Departure flight not purchased by Club for Growth**

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**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM** (Johnson)

**This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.**

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Club for Growth
2. Description of the trip: The 2017 Winter Economic Conference and membership meeting is an economic policy summit for members of the Club for Growth
3. Dates of travel: 3/16, 3/18/17
4. Place of travel: Palm Beach, FL
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Ron Johnson (Other Senators include Cruz, Toomey, Shelby)
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
- ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR**
- ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND**
- ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND**
- ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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**USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 5(d)**  
**I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:**

- OR**

- OR**

- USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION (2)**  
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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- Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Club for Growth maintains a website that informs membership and the general public about legislative issues and their impact, conducts periodic conference calls to update membership on policy, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and has advertised on TV, internet, and radio on legislative issues.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

|                                                                                                        | Transportation Expenses                                                                      | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts | \$258.95<br>(Club for Growth is only paying for Senator's flight down to Palm Beach on 3/16) | \$990            | 606.58        |                |

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The membership conference is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Our conference has been held in Palm Beach since 2005 and our membership is accustomed to this location.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Breakers is located at 1 S County Rd., Palm Beach, FL 33480

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

We work with a conference broker to secure hotels with the best rates that will accommodate our large group size for overnight rooms, meeting space, banquet facilities and security. The Breakers was determined to be the best option and we were able to secure better rates.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached addendum "EthicsInset\_Addendums\_Senate"

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach class, commercial airfare

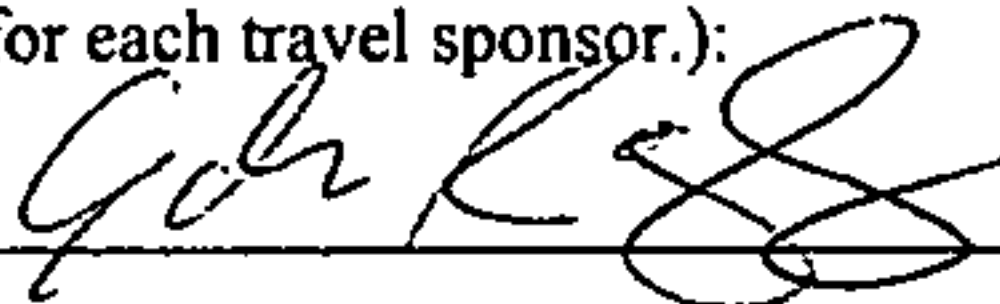
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Adam Rozansky - CFO and Treasurer

Name of Organization: The Club for Growth

Address: 2001 L St NW, Suite 600

Telephone Number: 202-955-5500

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: ARozansky@ClubforGrowth.org



The Club for Growth chose The Breakers hotel for several reasons. The hotel has the conference spaces we require—for groups larger than 100 people—and the level of conference services we need to host that many people. We hire a conference broker to ensure we find the least expensive hotel that would accommodate our group. This contract was signed 3 years in advance to secure these comparatively low rates. The cost of the room at The Breakers is \$495 per evening. The rooms at this rate that we offer Members of Congress are the same rooms we block out for and rates we offer to our attendees, and is the least expensive rate that we are able to offer. This is significantly less than the non-contract room rates that start at \$810 per night that we negotiated down with the assistance of our conference broker.

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 15, 2017

**The Honorable Ron Johnson**  
**United States Senate**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

**Dear Senator Johnson:**

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to the Club for Growth Annual Winter Economic Conference, in Palm Beach, Florida, on March 16-18, sponsored by Club for Growth.<sup>1</sup> Club for Growth certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*<sup>2</sup> related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor an agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Club for Growth has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.<sup>3</sup>

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and consistent with the guidance contained in this letter regarding extending your trip for a personal purpose, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, Club for Growth is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, a Senator or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of

<sup>1</sup> Based on the information you submitted, the Committee understands that, for a personal purpose, you intend to extend your trip in Palm Springs for less than one day before the beginning of the officially related events. You are personally responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of extending your trip.

<sup>2</sup> The term “necessary expenses” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

<sup>3</sup> The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. *See id.* at 2.

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the Senate by filing the completed *Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-3), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.**<sup>4</sup>

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a Member, on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their annual Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sue Mayer  
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure:     Travel Checklist

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<sup>4</sup> Trip extensions for any purpose do not extend this deadline.

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